APPENDIX

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86TH MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES
Houston, Texas, May 8-9, 1975

The 86th meeting of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) had as its theme National Perspectives for ARL Libraries. An evening session on May 7 provided an opportunity for informal exchange among ARL directors, elected officers, and the Association staff; members were able to present views and advice on present and future activities of the ARL. Six groups were formed to discuss the functions and operations of the ARL Executive Office; ARL commissions, committees, and task forces; ARL Board and Association Governance; Office of University Library Management Studies; and Systems Procedures Exchange Center and Office of Management Studies Training Activities.

President Richard De Gennaro of the University of Pennsylvania opened the first regular session on May 8. Warren J. Haas of Columbia University Libraries served as moderator for the principal topic "Scholarly Communication: New Efforts to Understand a Complex Process." It was brought out that scholarly communication is affected by many factors, including technology and high costs, and that many university presses are in financial difficulty. Edward E. Booher, President, Books and Education Services Group, McGraw-Hill Incorporated, talked about the American Council of Learned Societies National Enquiry, which, when funded, will collect information on the production and dissemination of scholarly knowledge. Involved in the process are scholars, publishers, librarians, systems specialists, foundations, and associations. Fritz Machlup of the Department of Economics at New York University spoke on the same topic, noting that the knowledge industry makes up 30 percent of the gross national product; knowledge occupations make up 40-50 percent of the labor force. He observed that there may be too much publishing for the use given to some materials and that cheaper forms of duplication of some materials may be preferable.

At the Business Meeting in the afternoon reports were given by the ARL/ACRL Task Force on University Library Standards and by the ARL Committee on Access to Manuscripts and Rare Books. John McDonald, Executive Director of ARL, reported that the ARL is solvent, 10 libraries have been added to the membership, there may be a need to add more staff, and that the U.S. Department of State is considering support for the work of the Chinese Center. He also reported on the recent meetings on copyright held jointly by the Copyright Office and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS).

In reporting on the National Program on Acquisitions and Cataloging, Philip NcNiff of the Boston Public Library cited an estimated cataloging cost reduction of $7.19 per title for a library using NPAC. In terms of expansion of the program, he indicated that the inclusion of more South American countries was a high priority.

On Friday, Alphonse Trezza, NCLIS Executive Director, presented the final draft of "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services." Commentaries were heard from William S. Dix of Princeton University and Ralph H. Hopp of the University of Minnesota. Copies will be distributed and the ARL Board will poll ARL members for opinions on the program at the October 1975 meeting.

The final portion of the Friday morning session dealt with the topic "Sharing Resources: National Centers and Systems." The NCLIS perspective was presented by Vernon E. Palmour, Study Director of Library and Information Studies for the Public Research Institute, the Canadian perspective by Basil Stuart-Stubbs of the University of British Columbia, and the ARL Task Force perspective by Arthur Hamlin of Temple University. Mr. Hamlin indicated that the Center for Research Libraries, of which the ARL is a member, had recently announced the availability of journal articles excluding the humanities.

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